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October 6, 2020

Dr. Mark S. Watson
City Manager, City of Oak Ridge
Post Office Box 1
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RE: Transfer of AEDF awards from MKAA to the City of Oak Ridge

Dear Dr. Watson:

Thank you for your letter dated September 22, 2020 requesting to transfer the 2018, 2019, and 2020 Aeronautics Economic Development Fund Awards committed to Metropolitan Knoxville Airport Authority (MKAA) to the city of Oak Ridge and to recognize the city of Oak Ridge as the primary sponsor of the proposed airport. I have received a corresponding request from MKAA dated September 16, 2020.

Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-3-2313 the Aeronautics Economic Development Fund is administered by the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT). Upon review of the request from the city of Oak Ridge and MKAA, I am approving the transfer of the below listed awards to the city of Oak Ridge.

- The 2018 AEDF \$15,000,000 Award to MKAA for the development of a potential aviation facility in Oak Ridge, TN.
- The 2019 AEDF \$3,000,000 Award to MKAA for the development of a potential aviation facility in Oak Ridge, TN.
- The 2020 AEDF \$1,000,000 Award to MKAA for the development of a potential aviation facility in Oak Ridge, TN.

All original program guidelines and requirements must be met per the established AEDF grant program.

Additionally, TDOT recognizes the city of Oak Ridge as the agency responsible for the development, ownership, and future operation of the proposed airport. My office looks forward to working with you on this project. Please feel free to reach out to me or Michelle Frazier, Director of TDOT Aeronautics, with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Clay Bright".

Clay Bright
Commissioner

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cc: Lt. Governor Randy McNally, w/attachments
Senator Ken Yeager, w/attachments
Representative Ken Calfee, w/attachments
Mayor Warren Gooch, w/attachments
Mr. Patrick Wilson, MKAA, w/attachments
Ms. Michelle Frazier, w/attachments